



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

October 28, 2019

Attendees:

Mr. Otis Sampson
Mr. Jeff Parks
Mr. Michael Brophy

Others:

Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer, Town of Easton
Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton
Mr. George Corey, Easton Rotary Club
Mr. Tom Leigh, Chesapeake Bay Foundation-Senior Regional Watershed Manager
Mrs. Tracy Munson

Excused:

Mr. Michael Weise
Mr. Ken McFadden

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mrs. Gould. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mr. George Corey – Easton Rotary Club- spoke to the Park Board on a project the club would like to do to the gazebo at Idlewild Park. He showed a conceptual plan to extend the pad 8 feet, add permanent flag pole and teak benches. He would like to possibly break ground after 2020 Waterfowl. Not looking for financial contributions from the Town of Easton other than future maintenance. If this project is approved through the phases it will have to go through, Mr. Corey will sit down with a real construction plan with sizes and detail. After discussion, the Park Advisory Board decided to forward a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council in support of this project.

Brief discussion on why there is no dog park in Easton with Mrs. Tracy Munson. Basically, until other excess to the RTC Park or another location is obtained, there is not much more that can happen.

Mr. Thomas Leigh – Chesapeake Bay Foundation – tree planting in Moton Park was very easy identified. Thought planting of trees along bypass and behind residential houses on Glenwood Avenue would be good. Planting in RTC Park was a bit more unique due to the invasive species and the efforts to maintain (creeping vines, English ivy, etc.) After discussion, the Park Advisory Board decided to forward a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council in support of the planting exercises and obtaining money from a possible grant.

Mr. Rick VanEmburch – Town Engineer, Town of Easton – Update on adding lights to the playing fields at the sports complex. This is not in this fiscal year budget, but possibly next budget cycle. It appears the earliest that anyone can get started is July of 2020 and we have to make sure the fields are in good shape. He and Mrs. Gould are in the process of getting information together to present at a future meeting.

Items from the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Park Advisory Board:

- 1) Ribbon cutting for the basketball surfaces went over very nice.
- 2) Easton Rotary Club will be painting the gazebo in Idlewild Park on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Willow Construction had a contractor in the gazebo the week of October 14th through October 18th doing repairs to the pillars. There were ground bees in the wood.
- 3) Irrigation turn off at the sports complex will be scheduled after Waterfowl weekend.
- 4) Winterizing restrooms in the Sports Complex, Moton Park and Idlewild Park will be scheduled after Waterfowl weekend.
- 5) Cub Scouts Pack #190 cleaned up on the Rail Trail September 26, 2019 from the train station to RTC Park.
- 6) The tennis wall in Idlewild Park has been painted. If we get a formal request for a mural to be placed on the wall, we should listen and act accordingly at that time.
- 7) Mrs. Gould was asked by Mr. Dickerson (resident of Easton Village) if would pick up dog bag holders and a trash receptacle. These items are no longer needed there and their home owners association would like to give them away. After discussion, thought was Park and Recreation should receive them, will are looking to extend the Rail Trail. Mrs. Gould will move forward to make arrangements.
- 8) Easton Utilities representative, Ms. Kelly Simonsen decided the holiday tree in Thompson Park will be placed in the same area at the entrance on Dover Street near Washington Street.
- 9) In the process of adding closures to the restroom doors in the sports complex.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 12:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

